

CEMETERY BOARD MEETING
May 11, 2006

Present: Bill Lulham, Chairperson; John Austin, Jack Boursmith, Gene Sanderson, Bob Volek, , Tim Crawford, Sexton; Shauna Bayless, Recording Secretary.

Absent: Joe Sawyer, City Manger (arrived 3:42 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Bill Lulham.

Austin moved, Sanderson seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with the addition of Jim Postema's offer to provide the \$100 prize money for the columbarium naming contest.

Ayes: All

Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consider Awarding the Winner of the Columbarium Name Contest: Over 100 Corunna students submitted suggestions to name the columbarium. The board was given a list of the all of the suggestions. Lulham polled the members as to their favorite names. After discussion, it was decided to name the first columbarium "Garden of Memories Columbarium". This suggestion was submitted by Sara Byrd, a Corunna High School senior.
Motion by Sanderson, seconded by Austin to name the columbarium "Garden of Memories Columbarium".
Roll Call:
Ayes: Lulham, Sanderson, Austin, Volek, Boursmith.
No: None.
Motion Carried.

It was suggested that a letter be written to the Argus and Independent thanking all of the students who contributed suggestions.

There was discussion as to when the \$100 prize would be presented to Ms. Byrd. It was decided that the prize would be awarded at the groundbreaking ceremony. The groundbreaking is scheduled for after Memorial Day, but Crawford would contact Jim Postema to set a specific date.

Discussion

Austin would like a special umbrella-shaped tree replanted in the cemetery. He said that the cemetery used to have these trees but they are all gone now. The board was reminded, by Lulham, that they are already on record as to not allowing any more tree planting in the cemetery. Trees interfere with grave digging and maintenance. The trees become damaged and they die, causing more problems. It was suggested that if Austin could find the type of tree he wants, it could be added to the columbarium landscaping, if the tree does not get too large, or around the right-of-way of the cemetery. Austin felt that the cemetery was losing too many trees and it was no longer as pretty.

Austin suggested that the barrels in the cemetery be painted all one color. Volek suggested using a paint sprayer. Crawford stated that the department did not have a paint sprayer, just paint brushes. The Volek suggested getting a spray painter to use with the city's compressor.

Austin suggested planting hedges around the corners of each drive into the cemetery. This could be landscaping around the new signs that are being built by Agnew Graphics.

Lulham asked Crawford about next year's budget. He stated that the request for the Bobcat and for the development of the property south of Cherry Street were turned down by council. The new section signs were approved.

Volek suggested that Crawford look into repairing the door, gate and lock to the mausoleum. Volek and Austin both felt that this could all be done for \$500 - \$700. Lulham suggested that the city get bids on the repair work. Sawyer stated that if the repair work was \$500, the cemetery could probably find the money to do it. But, if the repairs were \$1,000 or \$1,500, the cemetery could not afford it. Austin felt that the door and wrought-iron work were not in bad condition and only a little bit of work would be necessary to fix it. Crawford stated that the board needed to write down exactly what they wanted repaired in the mausoleum. Vague ideas were not enough to go out for bids.

Sawyer showed the board the newest advertising for the cemetery. He has contracted with the Argus Press to have an advertising link on the Argus' website obituary page. This provides a link to the Pine Tree Cemetery pages on the city's website.

Volek moved, Sanderson seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes All.

Motion Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Lulham, Chairperson